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1. The local hospital in Michalovce (R 49/E 74), Slovakia, has 500 beds, which are always occupied. 25X1
2. There are 60 doctors in the hospital, 50 Slovaks and 10 Czechs. Most of the latter were transferred here as a result of poor cadre records. Of the total number of 125 nurses, 55 are fully qualified and 70 practical nurses. Most of them have had six to ten months of nursing courses. Only 30 have nursing diplomas. There is a shortage of trained personnel, and the hospital really needs another 20 doctors and about 40 more nurses.
3. Pay: The following are gross monthly rates:
 - The head doctor in a department receives 2,100 crowns.
 - The second in rank receives 1,600 crowns.
 - Other doctors receive 1,100 to 1,600 crowns.
 - A nurse in charge of instruments receives 830 crowns.
 - A ward nurse gets 600-700 crowns.
 - Practical nurses get 520 crowns.

All those who take their meals in the hospital pay 180 crowns a month for food.

4. Supplies of drugs produced in Czechoslovakia are still adequate except for aureomycin, terramycin, chloromycetin, and chloramphenicol, which are in very short supply. If any of these are needed, they have to be ordered from the penicillin station either in Presov or Bratislava. The supply of penicillin is adequate and is either of Czech or Soviet production (according to the labels on the bottles). The hospital has adequate stocks of this. 25X1
Surgical instruments are scarce and of poor quality. They very quickly wear out and rust. The food is adequate both as to quantity and quality. 25X1
5. In the biological department constant experiments are being made with new drugs. In March 1954, experiments began with operations on valvular defects of the heart and contractions of the aorta. For the time being the experiments are being carried out on animals, and one doctor is to be sent for studies to Hradec Kralove, where these operations are normally performed.

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6. In February and March 1954, there was an epidemic of typhoid in the Michalovce area, with 10 to 25 cases a month. The epidemic was traceable to the water supply. An epidemic of infectious jaundice (hepatitis epidemica) has persisted since spring 1953. The number of new cases was falling at the end of the summer of 1954, but at the end of 1953 and the beginning of 1954 the hospital was overcrowded. There are many cancer cases, especially cancer of the stomach.

7. Personnel: Head of the hospital: Otto Bachnjan, M.D.

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Superintendent of administration: Jan Huidic

Head surgeon: Stefan Kukura

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